Sovereign Grace Church

April 2nd, 2023

We gather together
Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. and
Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

Nursery available for 4 years old and younger

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us…"

(Titus 3:5)

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[Beloved,] let us live the life of faith in the Son of God. Let us lean all our weight on Christ, and rejoice in the thought that He lives for evermore. Yes! blessed be God! Christ lives, though we may die. Christ lives, though friends and family are carried to the grave.

He lives who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel. He lives who said, *"O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction…"* (Hosea 13:14).

He lives who will one day change our vile body, and make it like unto His glorious body. In sickness and in health, in life and in death, let us lean confidently on Him. Surely we ought to say daily with one of old, "Blessed be God for Jesus Christ!" [2 Corinthians 1:3-4] — Copied

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Welcome

SINNERS are welcome at Sovereign Grace Church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect assembly, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name Jesus for He shall (not might, not maybe) rather He shall save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it! You are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost* [Colossians 2:10, Hebrews 7:25].

Announcements

Happy Birthday!

Pat Maddux, April 7th

Resources

BE sure to visit our website for gospel articles, live messages, and resources.

Grace Articles

Precious Jesus

"…Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." (John 6:66)

BELIEVERS are many times at their wit's end, and know not what to do, but they are obliged to cry out with David, *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help; my help cometh from the LORD which made heaven and earth."* (Psalm 121:1-2). It is no use for them to run to Doctor Gill, nor Doctor Doddridge, nor Doctor Goodwin, nor Doctor Hawker, nor Doctor Huntington; they must come to the never-failing Doctor, JESUS, for He it is that carries the keys of knowledge and understanding, that opens and no man shuts, and shuts and no man opens; He it is that cleanses the guilty conscience, silences in a moment all the cursed accusations that the devil brings to sink the soul, turns the night into day, groans into songs, a stinking dungeon into a palace, emptiness into fulness, curses into blessings, weakness into strength, sickness into health, death into life, and damnation into salvation. O precious JESUS! precious JESUS! to whom shall we go but unto Thee? Thou, and thou alone, hast the words of eternal life. The Lord knows my heart, I am not pouring contempt upon the writings and works of men of God that are in glory, and upon others that are still on their way to glory, who are vindicating the truth of God with their pens, for I believe God has blessed them, does bless them, and will bless them to His dear church to the end of time; and it is my soul's cry that God will raise up many more able men to vindicate His truth in this day of empty profession,—men that can distinguish between form and power, between letter and spirit, between the old man and the new, between death and life, between an empty profession and real possession, between the real language of Zion and the prating of hypocrites. O that the Lord might send more such men! [AMEN!] — John Warburton / Mercies Of A Covenant God

The Time Is Short

"…Death is swallowed up in victory!" (1 Corinthians 15:54)

BELOVED, the time is short. The fashion of this world passeth away. A few more sicknesses, and all will be over. A few more storms and tossings, and we shall be safe in harbour. We travel towards a world where there is no more sickness,—where parting, and pain, and crying, and mourning, are done with for evermore. Heaven is becoming every year more full, and earth more empty. The friends ahead are becoming more numerous than the friends astern. Yet a little time He that shall come will come, and will not tarry. In His presence shall be fulness of joy. Christ shall wipe away all tears from His people's eyes. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. But he shall be destroyed. Death himself shall one day die (Revelation 20:14). — Copied

Our Salvation, It Is Finished! It Is Done!

"It is finished!"—"It is done!" (John 19:30—Revelation 21:6).

CHRIST can say of what He promised to do, *"It is finished!"* He has paid the debts of all the elect. He has, for His people and for their redemption, suffered the whole of wrath divine. Nothing remains now, except that He shall continue to intercede for them, that He may safely bring all His redeemed to glory. All for whom Christ died, shall be pardoned, all justified, all adopted. The Spirit shall quicken them all, shall give them all faith, shall bring them all to heaven. And they shall, every one of them, without hindrance stand accepted in the beloved [Son of God]…

…The antiquity of the covenant of grace demands our grateful attention. It is a truth which tends to elevate the mind. I know of no doctrine more grand than this! It is the very soul and essence of all [scripture]! In sitting down and meditating upon it, I confess my spirit has sometimes been ravished with delight!

Can you conceive of the idea, that before all things God thought of you? That when as yet He had not made His mountains, He had thought of you; you, a poor puny worm! Oh this cannot make us proud, because it is a divine truth, but it must make us feel happy. Oh believer, you think yourself nothing, but God does not think so of you. Men despise you but God remembered you before He made anything. The covenant of love which He made with His Son on your behalf is older than the hoary ages, and if ye fly back when as yet time had not begun, before those massive rocks that bear the marks of gray old age upon them, had begun to be deposited, He had loved and chosen you, and made a covenant on your behalf. Remember well these ancient things of the eternal hills. — C.H. Spurgeon

"Nothing Can Fail"

GOD never came under an absolute unlimited tie for outward comforts to any of us, and if we are disappointed, we can blame none but ourselves. Who bid us expect rest, ease, delight, and things of that kind in this world? He has never told us we shall be rich, healthy, and at ease in our habitations, but on the contrary, He has often told us we must expect troubles in the world. *"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33), and that we must *"through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God"* (Acts 14:22). All that He stands bound to us by promise for is to be with us in trouble. *"I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him,"* to supply our real and absolute needs (Psalm 91:15). *"When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them"* (Isaiah 41:17); and to sanctify all these providences to our good at last. *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"* (Romans 8:28). And as to all these things, not one tittle ever did or shall fail. [AMEN!] — John Flavel